

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
2004 and 2005 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PLAN**

The Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (DOT) hereby gives public notice that the Draft 2004 and 2005 DOT Storm Water Management Program Plan Annual Reports, prepared in accordance with the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Program, are available for public inspection, review, and comment.

For further information and/or copies of the draft annual reports, please visit DOT's website at

<http://www.dot.state.ri.us> or contact Allison LeBlanc at:

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The draft reports may be reviewed at the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Two Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island from May 3, 2006 to June 2, 2006 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, by appointment only.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing on the Annual Reports will be held if RIDOT receives such requests from twenty-five (25) people, a government agency or subdivision, or an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members. If a public hearing is to be held, a public notice will be published announcing the date, time, place of such hearing, and the deadline for submitting written comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: (May 3, 2006 to June 2, 2006)

All comments on the annual reports should be submitted in writing or via email no later than 4:00 PM on June 2, 2006. If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DOT may require a new draft report or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

FINAL DECISION AND APPEALS:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Director will issue a final decision and forward a copy of the final reports to RIDEM and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

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